



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1163

January Session, 2003

***AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE
CENTERS AND COOPERATIVE PURCHASING.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) The Department of
2 Education shall encourage the use of regional educational service
3 centers as providers of goods or services for local and regional boards
4 of education and may award special consideration to grant
5 applications that indicate the use of services of regional educational
6 service centers or joint purchasing agreements among boards of
7 education that result in economies of scale for the purpose of
8 purchasing instructional or other supplies, testing materials, or food or
9 food services.

10 Sec. 2. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-71 of the
11 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
12 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

13 (1) The percentage of the eligible costs for adult education a local
14 board of education shall receive, under the provisions of this section,
15 shall be determined as follows: (A) Each town shall be ranked in
16 descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine according to
17 such town's adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, as defined in
18 section 10-261; (B) based upon such ranking, a percentage of not less
19 than zero nor more than sixty-five shall be determined for each town

20 on a continuous scale, except that the percentage for a priority school
21 district pursuant to section 10-266p shall not be less than twenty. Any
22 such percentage shall be increased by seven and one-half percentage
23 points but shall not exceed sixty-five per cent for any local board of
24 education which provides basic adult education programs for adults at
25 facilities operated by or within the general administrative control and
26 supervision of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
27 Services, provided such adults reside at such facilities. Any such
28 percentage shall be increased by one and one-half percentage points
29 but shall not exceed sixty-five per cent for any local board of education
30 which served four thousand or more students who were enrolled at
31 least twelve hours in the fiscal year two years prior to the year of the
32 grant and whose ratio of students served in the fiscal year two years
33 prior to the year of the grant to persons in the town who were twenty-
34 five years of age or older and did not have a high school diploma
35 according to the most recent federal decennial census is greater than
36 fifteen one-hundredths. Any such percentage shall be increased up to
37 and including five percentage points but shall not exceed sixty-five per
38 cent for any local board of education that uses regional educational
39 service centers as providers of supplies or services that are considered
40 as eligible costs for local and regional boards of education or are
41 involved in other cooperative arrangements for the provision of such
42 supplies or services pursuant to section 10-158a that result in
43 economies of scale. (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of
44 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, any local board of education
45 which served two thousand or more students who were enrolled at
46 least twelve hours in the fiscal year two years prior to the year of the
47 grant shall receive a grant in the amount determined pursuant to
48 subparagraph (B) or the amount obtained by multiplying the number
49 of such students served in the fiscal year two years prior to the year of
50 the grant by twenty-five, whichever is greater.

51 Sec. 3. Subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 10-217a of the
52 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
53 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

(1) The percentage of the amount paid from local tax revenues for such services reimbursed to a local board of education shall be determined by (A) ranking each town in the state in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine according to such town's adjusted equalized net grand list per capita, as defined in section 10-261; (B) based upon such ranking, (i) for reimbursement paid in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990, a percentage of not less than forty-five nor more than ninety shall be determined for each town on a continuous scale, except that for any town in which the number of children under the temporary family assistance program, as defined in subdivision (17) of section 10-262f, is greater than one per cent of the total population of the town, as defined in subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section 10-261, the percentage shall be not less than eighty, (ii) for reimbursement paid in the fiscal years ending June 30, 1991, to June 30, 2001, inclusive, a percentage of not less than ten nor more than ninety shall be determined for each town on a continuous scale, except that for any town in which the number of children under the temporary family assistance program, as defined in said subdivision (17) of section 10-262f, is greater than one per cent of the total population of the town, as defined in subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section 10-261, and for any town which has a wealth rank greater than thirty when towns are ranked pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and which provides such services to greater than one thousand five hundred children who are not residents of the town, the percentage shall be not less than eighty, and (iii) for reimbursement paid in the fiscal years ending June 30, 2002, and June 30, 2003, a percentage of not less than ten nor more than ninety shall be determined for each town on a continuous scale, except that for any town in which the number of children under the temporary family assistance program, as defined in said subdivision (17) of section 10-262f, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, was greater than one per cent of the total population of the town, as defined in subdivision (7) of subsection (a) of section 10-261 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, and for any town which has a wealth rank greater than thirty when towns are ranked pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision and which provides such services

89 to greater than one thousand five hundred children who are not
90 residents of the town, the percentage shall be not less than eighty. The
91 percentage of the amount paid from local tax revenues for such
92 services reimbursed pursuant to this subsection may be increased up
93 to and including five percentage points for any board of education that
94 uses regional educational service centers as providers of such services
95 or are involved in other cooperative arrangements for the provision of
96 such services pursuant to section 10-158a that result in economies of
97 scale, provided no town shall be reimbursed more than the maximum
98 percentage otherwise allowed to any town during the applicable fiscal
99 year pursuant to this subsection.

100 Sec. 4. Subsection (d) of section 10-262n of the general statutes is
101 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
102 *1, 2003*):

103 (d) (1) Each school district shall be eligible to receive a minimum
104 grant under the program as follows: (A) Each school district in towns
105 ranked from one to one hundred thirteen, inclusive, when all towns
106 are ranked in ascending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine
107 based on town wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of section 10-262f,
108 shall be eligible to receive a minimum grant in the amount of thirty
109 thousand dollars, and (B) each school district in towns ranked from
110 one hundred fourteen to one hundred sixty-nine, inclusive, when all
111 towns are ranked in ascending order from one to one hundred sixty-
112 nine based on town wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of section
113 10-262f, shall be eligible to receive a minimum grant under the
114 program in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars. Such minimum
115 grant may be increased for certain school districts pursuant to
116 subdivision (4) of this subsection. (2) The department shall use (A) one
117 hundred thousand dollars of the amount appropriated for purposes of
118 this section for the vocational-technical schools for wiring and other
119 technology initiatives at such schools, and fifty thousand dollars of the
120 amount appropriated for purposes of this section for technology grants
121 to state charter schools. The amount of the grant each state charter
122 school receives shall be based on the number of students enrolled in

123 the school. (3) The department may retain up to one per cent of the
 124 amount appropriated for purposes of this section for coordination,
 125 program evaluation and administration. (4) Any remaining
 126 appropriated funds shall be used to increase the grants to (A) priority
 127 school districts pursuant to section 10-266p, (B) transitional school
 128 districts pursuant to section 10-263c, [and] (C) school districts in towns
 129 ranked from one to eighty-five, inclusive, when all towns are ranked in
 130 ascending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine based on town
 131 wealth, as defined in section 10-262f. Each such school district shall
 132 receive an amount based on the ratio of the number of resident
 133 students, as defined in said section 10-262f, in such school district to
 134 the total number of resident students in all such school districts, and
 135 (D) school districts that use regional educational service centers as
 136 providers of supplies or services to improve the use of technology in
 137 schools or are involved in other cooperative arrangements for the
 138 provision of such supplies or services pursuant to section 10-158a that
 139 result in economies of scale, provided the funds allocated pursuant to
 140 this subparagraph do not exceed five per cent of the grant amount
 141 provided to a district pursuant to this subsection.

142 Sec. 5. Subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-266m of the
 143 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
 144 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2003*):

145 (1) The percentage of pupil transportation costs reimbursed to a
 146 local board of education shall be determined by (A) ranking each town
 147 in the state in descending order from one to one hundred sixty-nine
 148 according to such town's adjusted equalized net grand list per capita,
 149 as defined in section 10-261; (B) based upon such ranking, and
 150 notwithstanding the provisions of section 2-32a, (i) except as otherwise
 151 provided in this subparagraph, a percentage of zero shall be assigned
 152 to towns ranked from one to thirteen and a percentage of not less than
 153 zero nor more than sixty shall be determined for the towns ranked
 154 from fourteen to one hundred sixty-nine on a continuous scale, except
 155 that any such percentage shall be increased by twenty percentage
 156 points in accordance with section 10-97, where applicable and (ii) for

157 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, and for each fiscal year thereafter,
 158 a percentage of zero shall be assigned to towns ranked from one to
 159 seventeen and a percentage of not less than zero nor more than sixty
 160 shall be determined for the towns ranked from eighteen to one
 161 hundred sixty-nine on a continuous scale. Any such percentage shall
 162 be increased up to and including five percentage points but shall not
 163 exceed sixty per cent for any town that uses regional educational
 164 service centers as providers of transportation services or are involved
 165 in other cooperative arrangements for the provision of such services
 166 pursuant to section 10-158a that result in economies of scale.

167 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) Before a regional educational
 168 service center may adjust the curriculum in any interdistrict magnet
 169 school that it operates, the regional educational service center shall
 170 hold a meeting with parents and guardians of students who could be
 171 affected by the proposed curriculum change, in which persons wishing
 172 to speak about proposed changes shall be heard. The meeting shall be
 173 held during the regular school year and shall begin between six p.m.
 174 and seven p.m. The regional educational service center shall notify, in
 175 writing, not later than thirty days in advance of the meeting, but not
 176 earlier than sixty days in advance of the meeting, each parent or
 177 guardian of a student who could be affected by the proposed
 178 curriculum change of (1) the proposed change, and (2) the time, place
 179 and date of the meeting.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2003</i>
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

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